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ON DNA/RNA RECOMBINATION

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1. CONTROL OF DUTCH RESEARCH ON DNR/RNA RECOMBINATION HAS BEEN STUDIED BY ROYAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY SCIENCE MINISTER TRIP (REFERENCE B). D. BOOTSMA, PROFESSOR OF GENETICS AT ROTTERDAM'S ERASMUS UNIVERSITY AND CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE INFORMS US THAT SCIENCE MINISTRY HAS BEEN ADVISED TO BEGIN TO DEVELOP POLICIES ON SUCH RESEARCH AND TO ESTABLISH AN INVENTORY OF RESEARCH PROJECTS UNDERWAY IN THIS FIELD.

2. IN COOPERATION WITH HEALTH MINISTRY, NATIONAL COMMITTEE WILL SOON BE CONSTITUTED TO DEVELOP NATIONAL POLICY MAINLY BASED ON ASILOMAR GUIDELEINES AND WITH POSSIBILITY FOR ADOPTATION TO FUTURE NIH OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS. BOOTSMA WILL DIRECTLY CONTACT NIH CHAIRMAN QUINN TO INFORM HIM ABOUT RESULT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE'S EFFORTS. BOOTSMA ALSO EXPRESSED DESIRABILITY OF INCREASED COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE OF INFO. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF ALL INFO ON NEW NIH POLICIES CONCERNING RESEARCH WITH RECOMBINATION OF DNA/RNA COULD BE SENT TO PROFESSOR D. BOOTSMA, MEDICAL FACULTY, ERASMUS UNIVERSITY, ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS.

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